led by Northern Engineering Industries and if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) The UK Government have evinced interest in financing the extension stage of the Rihand Super Thermal Power Project.

(b) The first unit of the Rihand Super Thermal Power Project Stage-I (2x500 MW), which was originally to be commissioned in June, 1987, is scheduled to be commissioned in the fourth quarter of 1987. The commissioning programme has been affected by delays on the part of the lead contractor in mobilising project management resources and by delays in completion of design and engineering work, supplies etc.

**USSR offer for construction of Power Plants**

14. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 622 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 2nd March, 1987 and state:

(a) whether there are any proposals from USSR for cooperation in the construction of new thermal power plants in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) and (b) USSR has shown interest in the construction of the second stage of Vindhyachal Thermal Power Project (2x500 MW), the Bakreshwar Thermal Power Project (3x210 MW) and a captive Thermal Power Station based on the coals of the Mukunda deposits in Bihar.

**NTPC Targets for Power Generation**

15. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 597 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 2nd March, 1987 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Thermal Power Corporation has also failed to achieve its generation targets fixed for 1986-87; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

**Setting up of gas based power stations in the country**

16. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 601 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 10th November, 1986 and state:

(a) whether Government have taken a decision for setting up gas based power stations in various parts of the country;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and the amount of power that would be made available from such gas based power stations; and

(c) whether any gas based power stations are also to be set up in Andhra Pradesh in view of the availability of large amount of natural gas in the Godavari basin?